

SECULAR DEPARTMENT.

Spring Term of Ashland College.

On Tuesday, March 16th, the Spring Term of Ashland College will open. The Fall and Winter terms have been very successful, and the work done speaks in high terms of the advantages of the Institution as a training school for teachers, and a place to secure a short practical course in business. The instructors have only one object in view and that is the advancement of the students in the several studies in which they are engaged, and their proper preparation for the active labors of life.

The influence are thoroughly moral, and elevating which are conditions that every parent should seek, in sending his children away to school. The location is the most healthy, and the expenses are the lowest.

The Spring term offers special advantages to teachers to review and prepare themselves better for the responsible duties that they expect to discharge.

Those who contemplate attending an advanced school during the spring, should write to or visit Ashland College and investigate its claims to patronage and the advantages it offers.

Composition as a Method in Education.

In the whole real of raw material available for use in the labor of obtaining an education, there is nothing that will return better results than Composition. The station of an able writer is one of the grandest attainments that any person can acquire: and it is one that can be turned to advantage in any channel of life.

The study of the dead languages is a good discipline of the literary faculties of the mind, Mathematics cultivate the calculating powers, and the philosophies develop the reason capacity—each one of these train a certain combination of faculties and give them the exercise that makes them strong—but either is faulty as a complete discipline of the whole mind, because it calls into action only a few of the many faculties that go together to comprise this part of man.

Composition brings into activity a greater part of the whole mind than any independent mental labor that can be performed. It requires the exercise of the memory of words and phrases, of events, locations, occurrences, dates and associations, of order arrangement and systems, of ponderosity, size and form; and it calls into action the reflective powers, and the powers of construction and calculation; and, ordinarily, there is in it a healthy stimulus to the moral sentiments, which decide as to the honor, respect, benevolence and firmness that shall be shown for the Supreme Being, a person or the subject treated.

The love for the beautiful and tasty, and sublime are also developed. Then, there is an appeal

to one's sense of dignity, his desire to merit the compliments of his associates and the public before whom his productions appear, with an exercise of the faculties that are the seat of prudence, energy and force.

In its entirety, the effort in composition educates the whole mind, and is the best implement to stir the soil of knowledge that can be employed, either in the school room or out of it.

Another General Dies.

Major-Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock died last Tuesday at his home on Governor's Island. He was troubled with a boil on his neck, which developed into a carbuncle. On Saturday he attended to some business, and did not seem to be in a dangerous condition. On Sunday night he alarmed his wife by suddenly appearing in her room dressed in uniform ready for a journey. He was delirious. Monday he rested comfortably, and on Tuesday his life passed away.

General Hancock was born in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1824. He left West Point Academy in 1844, served with distinction in the Mexican war. In 1861 he was relieved of duty in California at his own request in order to engage in the war of the rebellion. He was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers, September 24, 1861, and participated with distinction in a number of the memorable battles—on the Peninsula, at Antietam, at Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg. In 1864 he was appointed a brigadier in the regular army. His nomination and candidacy for the presidency in 1880 brought him more prominently before the people than ever and his manly course in that campaign won for him the respect of all. He was an honest man, a brave soldier and a patriotic citizen.

GENERAL NEWS.

For the first time in twenty-nine years, snow fell in the city of Mexico Feb. 5th.

The Agricultural Society of Berks Co., Pa., have petitioned Congress to appropriate \$500,000 to suppress pleuropneumonia.

It is said that in England one man in every 5,000 takes a university course, in Scotland in every 512, in Germany in every 213, and in America in every 2,000.

The notorious Nihilist Sergia Ivanoff, has been captured. The officers who tracked him have been given a reward of 3,000 roubles. Russia is master over another trouble.

The American Rural Home of Rochester, N. Y., has special reports from the wheat regions, indicating that the plants are well protected by the snow and in good condition for a large crop, so far as that question is concerned. It is, however, reported that thousands of acres of Dakota wheat land will be allowed to lie low this summer to correct foulness and weediness.

A dispatch from Pittsburgh, Pa., reports that an improvement has been made on the Bessemer steel process at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, which will have the effect of making Bessemer steel equal in quality to crucible steel at about one-tenth the price. By the new process it can be produced at a cost of a cent to a cent and a half a pound, while that made in crucible costs at least eleven cents a pound.

On the night of Feb. 4th, at Edgerton, Ohio, a sleighing party of fourteen persons attempted to cross the track of the Lake Shore Railway, in front of an approaching freight train. Seeing that the attempt was likely to fail, the party was thrown into confusion, some endeavoring to hold back the horses, while others tried to urge them forward. The locomotive struck the sleigh, injured more or less severely six of the occupants, and William Harker fatally.

A Maine farmer astonished even the natives by his ingenuity in keeping warm. On the forward part of his sled was rigged a small tight shanty, in which were a comfortable seat and a hot stove. Two small holes admitted the reins and a pane of glass let him see whither he was going.

The farmers of Virginia, and especially those who are members of the different agricultural societies, are preparing to move on the Legislature for an appropriation of \$15,000 to be devoted to the establishment of agricultural experiment stations at the three principal colleges of the State which are now supplied with an agricultural department.

Four four months my daughter was in a most distressing condition from neuralgia, and we despaired of her life. After taking half a bottle of Athlophoros she was able to get up and her cure was wonderful. Wm. W. Rockfield, Dayton, Ohio.

A young man suddenly left his bed in Chicago early on Friday morning, ran "like wild" through the streets in his nightclothes, causing the few pedestrians who were about to think that at last they had seen a real ghost. He ran some four miles altogether, and then into a station-house, where he said "he guessed he had the nightmare," as he didn't remember anything that had happened after he had fallen asleep until he awoke at the station-house.

The enervation and lassitude of spring time are due to the sluggish action of the blood, overloaded with carbonates, accumulated by the use of heating food in winter. This condition may be remedied by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, the best blood purifier known.

The remains of Congressman Joseph Rankin, from Wisconsin, recently deceased, were interred at Manitowoc, Wis., Jan. 28. Special trains brought hundreds of people from various quarters of the State, and the attendance was so large from Mr. Rankin's Congressional district that it was impossible for late comers to get within a block of the church. The head of of the procession had reached the cemetery, two miles from the church, before the formation at the church had been completed.

As a superb hair dressing and renovator, Ayer's Hair Vigor is universally commended. It eradicates scurf and dandruff, cures eruptions and itchings of the scalp, promotes renewed growth of the hair, and prevents its fading or turning gray.

The TURKO-GRECIAN TROUBLE.—At present the signs indicate coming peace. The wrath of Greece has been somewhat abated by the advice of the Powers, and is likely to find satisfaction without bloodshed. It is said that if Lord Salisbury could have remained in office a few months longer the trouble question could have been settled in accordance with the British policy, to the satisfaction of Turkey. There is much apprehension, however, in view of Gladstone's return to office, and the Turks are awaiting the developments.

Have you heard of Dr. J. H. McLean's Wine Tar Lung Balm? It is really wonderful how rapidly it cures Coughing, Throat and Lung Diseases.

The Brethren Annual.

The Brethren Annual for 1886, contains besides the usual calendar, a Biography of Alexander Mack, and Daniel P. Saylor, author of the "Mandatory Resolution," with portrait, a short history of the Brethren Church, by J. B. Wampler, School House No. 7, and the Arnold's Grove Conference, by H. R. Holsinger and J. H. Worst, with engraving of the school house, list of ministers of the Brethren Church important events of the year, ending Oct. 1st, 1885, reports from churches, and interesting miscellaneous matter. It is printed on good, heavy paper, nicely bound. It makes a document that every member of the Brethren Church will want to preserve.

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WIDE AWAKE AGENTS

WANTED FOR—
THE GREAT CONSPIRACY,
A thrilling review of the portentous events that led to the GREAT REBELLION, from the powerful pen of Gen. JOHN A. LOGAN. Strike quick for choice field. HUBBARD BROS., 51 W. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mulberry Trees and Silk Journal.

10,000 Superior Silk and Fruit-producing Russian Mulberry Seeds, for \$1.00. Or 5,000 seeds and a live Silk Journal one year for \$1.00. Mulberry Trees cheap. I. H. HERR, Silk Cultivator, Emporia, Kansas.

Five persons were whipped last week in the New Castle, Delaware, jail yards.

The casket containing the remains of Garfield has failed to stand the ravages of time, and the family have provided another, which is believed to be proof against the action of moisture and air.

Edward Crowl who has been indicted for forging notes amounting to \$210,000 on various city banks, was tried recently in a Cleveland Court, and in default of \$5,000, the amount of his fine, he was sent to jail.

A writer in the *British Medical Journal* advises people to be careful not to slice up a pineapple with the same knife they use in peeling it, as the rind contains an acrid organic substance which is likely to cause a swollen mouth and sore lips. In Cuba salt is used as an antidote for the poison of pineapple peel.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie R. R.

On and after Dec. 14th, 1885, trains will run as follows: Central Time.

WESTWARD.			
Ly Pittsburgh	5.50 a.m.	*1.55 p.m.	
" Newcastle	7.55 "	3.45 "	
" Youngstown	8.25 "	4.15 "	
Ar Ashland	11.47 p.m.	6.35 "	
" Mansfield	12.15 "	9.11 "	
EASTWARD.			
Ly Mansfield	*6.22 a.m.	*1.28 p.m.	
" Ashland	6.51 "	1.59 "	
" Youngstown	10.35 "	5.43 "	
Ar Newcastle	11.20 "	6.10 "	
" Pittsburgh	1.30 p.m.	8.00 "	
" Daily		A. D. SMITH, Gen. Pass. Agt.	

THE BEST

boon ever bestowed upon man is perfect health, and the true way to insure health is to purify your blood with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Mrs. Eliza A. Clough, 84 Arlington st., Lowell, Mass., writes: "Every winter and spring my family, including myself, use several bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Experience has convinced me that, as a powerful

Blood

purifier, it is very much superior to any other preparation of Sarsaparilla. All persons of scrofulous or consumptive tendencies, and especially delicate children, are sure to be greatly benefited by its use." J. W. Starr, Laconia, Iowa, writes: "For years I was troubled with Scrofulous complaints. I tried several different preparations, which did me little, if any, good. Two bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla effected a complete cure. It is my opinion that this medicine is the best blood

Purifier

of the day." C. E. Upton, Nashua, N. H., writes: "For a number of years I was troubled with a humor in my eyes, and unable to obtain relief until I commenced using Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I have taken several bottles, am greatly benefited, and believe it to be the best of blood purifiers." R. Harris, Creel City, Ramsey Co., Dakota, writes: "I have been an intense sufferer, with Dyspepsia, for the past three years. Six months ago I began to use

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Our readers will find an important new advertisement of Dr. Peter Fahrney, on another page, which merits careful reading. It will appear only one time. It advertises a medicine which has been extensively used for a number of years, and which has given the proprietor quite a reputation. We invite special attention to the "Century Plant" to which reference is made in the advertisement. It is a handsome engraving, substantially mounted, with a fine Century Plant in the middle, and a column of reading matter on each side. The Medicines of Dr. Fahrney are usually sold by agents, and not by the regular druggists. Dr. Fahrney has established a good reputation as a professional and business man and those who desire to give his Remedies a trial need not hesitate to trust him. Carefully read the advertisement. The Church Advocate.

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They act favorably on all Blood, Stomach, Skin, Liver, Spleen and Urinary Disorders, and will cure anything from a Pile to a Cancer, and need only a few trials to convert you into a verbal advertiser and co-worker for their successful introduction.

On Application I will send you FREE a Pamphlet for 50 cents stamps will send you unmounted 15x25 seven colored CHROMO of the "Century Plant" as seen in Mexico. Mention this paper.

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Dec. 12th, 1885.

Railroad Time Card.

EAST BOUND.			
(Standard time.)	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3
Leave	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Baltimore	8.10	11.10	8.10
Washington	8.45	11.45	8.45
Defiance	10.20	5.50	8.55
Deshler	10.55	6.25	9.30
Festerville	11.20	7.00	10.05
Mansfield		7.25	10.30
Columbus	11.50	8.00	11.00
St. Louis	12.15	8.25	11.25
Cincinnati	12.40	8.50	11.50
Newark	1.10	9.20	12.20
Zanesville	1.40	9.50	12.50
Cambridge	2.10	10.20	1.20
Bellaire	2.40	10.50	1.50
WEST BOUND.			
(Standard time.)	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
Leave	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Baltimore	8.45	11.45	8.45
Washington	9.20	12.20	9.20
Pittsburg	10.00	1.00	10.00
Wheeling	10.30	1.30	10.30
Bellaire	11.00	1.40	11.00
Cambridge	11.30	2.10	11.30
Zanesville	12.00	2.40	12.00
Columbus	12.30	3.10	12.30
Cincinnati	1.00	3.40	1.00
Louisville	1.30	4.10	1.30
St. Louis	2.00	4.40	2.00
Newark	2.30	5.10	2.30
Mansfield	3.00	5.40	3.00
Sandusky	3.30	6.10	3.30
Festerville	4.00	6.40	4.00
Deshler	4.30	7.10	4.30
Defiance	5.00	7.40	5.00
Chicago	5.30	8.10	5.30

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CONDENSED TIME OF THROUGH TRAINS. July 26th, 1885.

WESTWARD Central Time EASTWARD			
L. S. & M. S. Ry.			
7.00pm	8.30am	Ar Boston	Ar 4.40am
7.15pm	10.30am	" New York	" 7.10
6.40pm	6.30am	" Cleveland	" 8.20
6.40	6.40	Ar Sandusky	Ar 8.55
P. F. W. & C. Ry.			
8.00pm	9.00am	Ly New York	Ar 11.00am
11.20pm	11.50am	" Philadelphia	Ar 8.25am
11.30pm	10.55am	" Baltimore	Ar 8.15am
12.50pm	11.15pm	" Pittsburgh	Ar 7.45pm
12.15pm	9.15am	Ar Lima	Ar 6.45am
L. E. & W.			
8.40pm	8.45am	Sandusky	7.20pm
8.45	8.45	Festerville	8.25
12.20	12.20pm	Ar Lima	Ar 11.35
12.30	12.30	Ar Lima	Ar 11.35
1.37am	1.50pm	Ar St. Mary	Ar 1.10
1.40	4.55	Muncie	11.00am
5.58	6.02	Tipton	10.14
7.57	8.05	LaFayette	8.46
10.07	10.10	Hopkinton	5.52
11.04	11.12	Paxton	4.02
11.43	11.54	Gibson	4.14
1.25pm	1.55am	Bloomington	2.40am
1.35	5	C & A Junction	2.50
C. & A. Ry.			
1.45pm	1.55am	Bloomington	2.30am
2.00	7.45	St. Louis	7.50pm
I. B. & W. Ry.			
2.50pm	5.10am	Ly Bloomington	Ar 8.30pm
5.05	7.25am	Peoria	7.20pm
6.10	12.15pm	Burlington	2.50pm
9.05am	9.10pm	Ar O'Neill	Ar 5.50pm

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